

## Message Text

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R 031456Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2862  
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
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ROME FOR AMB LODGE'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, CZ  
SUBJECT: NEW CZECHOSLOVAK CARDINAL

1. JUNE 3 PRESS REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT THAT POPE PAUL HAD  
ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY THAT BISHOP FRANTISEK TOMASEK, APOSTOLIC  
ADMINISTRATOR OF PRAGUE, HAD BEEN MADE A CARDINAL. CZECHS  
WHO HEARD ABOUT APPOINTMENT AT ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION  
JUNE 2 EXPRESSED ASTONSISMENT, SINCE:  
"WE DON'T EVEN HAVE AN ARCHBISHOP".

2. COMMENT: TOMASEK IS THE FIRST CZECHOSLOVAK CARDINAL SINCE THE  
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DEATH IN 1974 OF STEPAN CARDINAL TROCHTA. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF  
ANY RECENT MOVEMENT IN GOC-VATICAN RELATIONS THAT SUGGESTS OUTSTANDING

PROBLEMS ARE ABOUT TO BE RESOLVED, OTHER THAN CALL MAY 30  
BY TOMASEK ON DEPUTY PREMIER MATEJ LUCAN (SENIOR GOC OFFICIAL  
DEALING WITH RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS) DURING WHICH FORMER IS REPORTED  
BY PRESS AS "EXPRESSING DESIRE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD

RELATIONS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH." GOC DOUBTLESS VALUES TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT ON EVE  
OF BELGRADE 77 TALKS.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE  
CAN PROVIDE ON VATICAN'S THINKING ON TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT,  
STATE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH GOC AND WHAT PLANS MAY BE FOR TOMASEK  
TO GO TO ROME FOR INVESTITURE.

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